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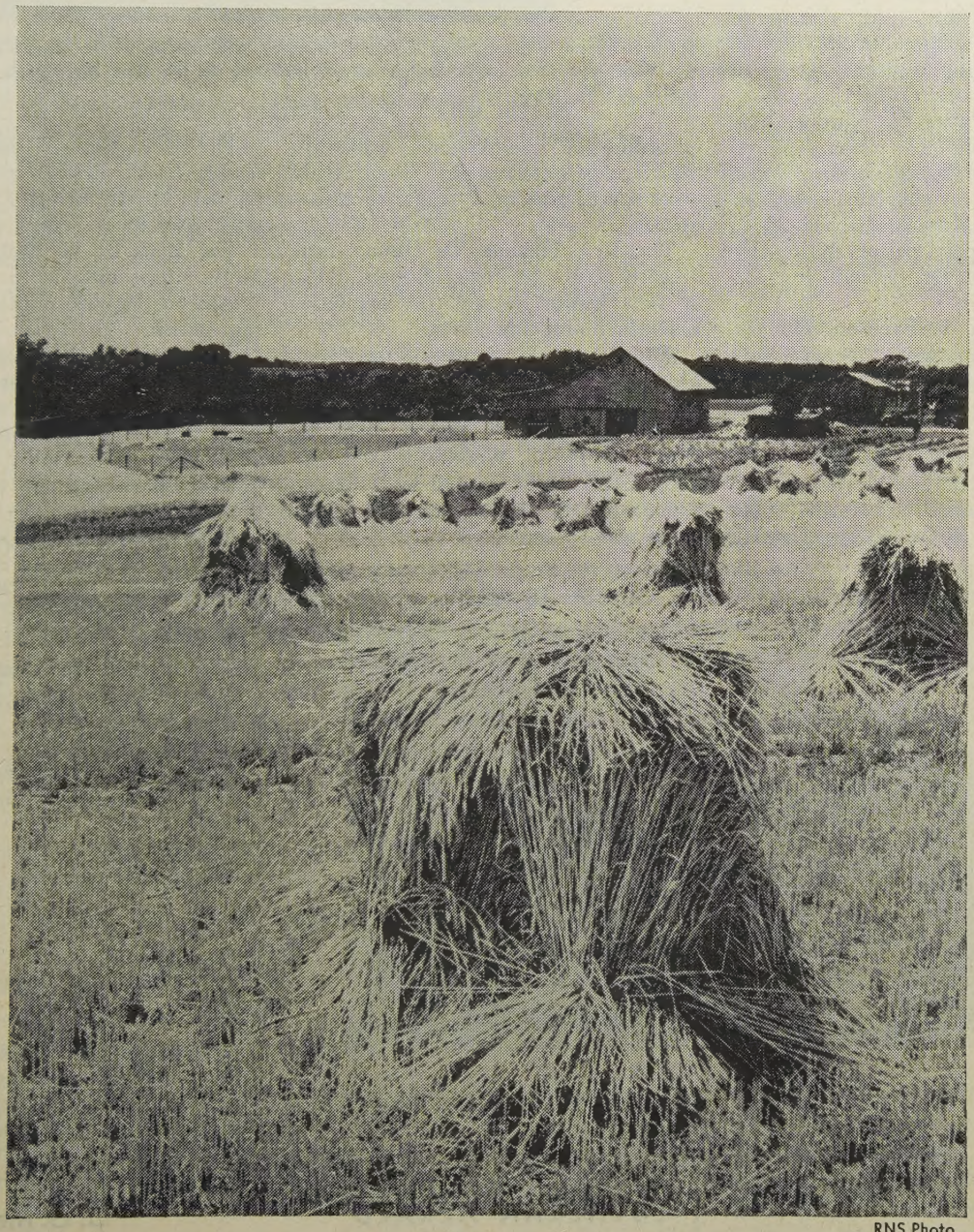

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Thou visitest the earth and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it; the river of God is full of water; thou providest their grain, for so thou hast prepared it. **Psalm 65:9**

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Within the ELC

PERSONS

The Rev. Donald G. Lee, since 1946 pastor of St. Paul Church, Villa Park, Ill., moved in the middle of July to his new parish, Glenwood-Canoe Ridge, near Decorah, Iowa.

The Rev. A. E. Syverud, having been granted leave of absence during the summer as stewardship director of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin, is studying at Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.

The Rev. Walter H. Nordby, who with leave from his parish, Central Lutheran Church, Stoughton, Wis., has served as army chaplain during the past two years, returned June 20 to his parish. Supply pastor during his absence has been Dr. Orlando Ingvoldstad.

The Rev. T. T. Evenson, Dwight, N. Dak., will by Sept. 1 begin a full-time teaching position at the California Lutheran Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

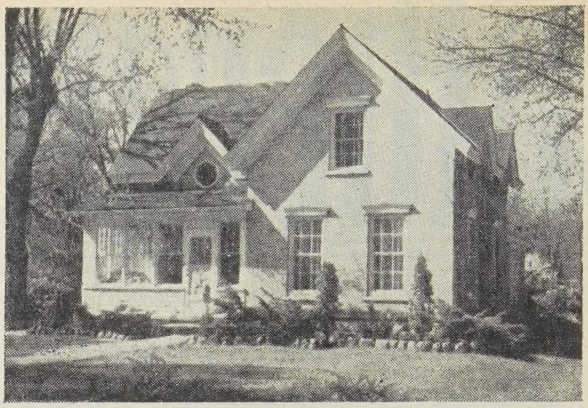
The Rev. H. O. Egertson, ELC evangelist, has lately conducted services for several weeks in North Puget Sound Circuit of the Pacific District, according to "The Western Lutheran," which adds the comment: "Many souls were saved, and many came to assurance."

The Rev. Haakon O. Olson, until recently pastor in Prince Rupert, B.C., is now pastor of Central Lutheran Church, Moose Jaw, Sask.

The Rev. A. E. Setness, formerly of Hatton, N. Dak., began July 5 his pastorate at Fairview, Montana.

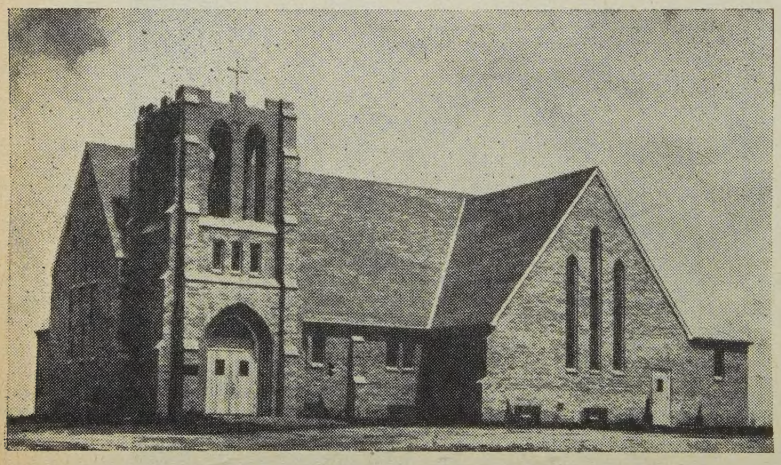
The Rev. J. A. Nestingen, pastor of the Wiota parish, Woodford, Wis., has accepted a call to Trinity Church, Jamestown, N. Dak., and will move there about Oct. 1.

WISCONSIN PARSONAGE DEDICATED



The parsonage of Skoponong Church, Palmyra, Wis., parish of the Rev. Elmer J. Johns was dedicated May 16. The rite was administered by the Rev. Norman E. Nelson, for pastor of the parish.

NEW CHURCH AT VOLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA



Pictured above is the new church building of Trondhjem congregation, Volin, S. Dak., which was dedicated on June 27. Officiating at dedication services was Dr. L. A. Pierson, president of the South Dakota District. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. P. M. Fjaere. Also on that day one of the sons of the congregation, Murray Johnson, was ordained on a call to Kelliher, Minn.

The Rev. Carl E. Johnson, St bourg, Sask., has accepted a call Dawson Creek, British Columbia, a will move there Sept. 1.

The Rev. E. W. Nilsen, Trum Minn., has moved to Opportun Wash., to establish a new Home M sion parish.

Dr. George Aus, professor of d matics, Luther Theological Semina St. Paul, gave the commencement dress at the graduation exercises The Biblical Seminary, New Yo Two ELC clergyman were award the Master of Theology degree: **L. Lellelid** of Fort Dauphin, Madagasc and **S. O. Stenson,** Alexandria, Mi As mentioned earlier **Dar Roa,** E evangelist, was awarded the Master Arts degree.

The Rev. Oliver S. Solberg, forme of Crystal Lake, Iowa, is now pas of the Springdale-East Blue Mou parish, Mt. Horeb, Wis.

The Rev. A. O. Aasen, chaplain the Normanna Rest Home, New We minster, B. C., served during M June, and July as interim pastor Faith Church, Burnaby, B. C.

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Brooklyn, N. Y. Speakers at eveni services, Sundays and Wednesdays du ing July at Trinity Church, have be Pastors Trygve Skarsten, James A

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Willing to Meet a Trust

Raymond M. Olson
Director of Stewardship

t preparation for the General Convention of the hurch in June the Board of Trustees published its commended budget for 1955-56. It was called *A Pro-osal to Meet a Trust*. The total included in that pro-osal was $4,150,000, which was to include items normal- found in the budget, plus the amounts established parately for Lutheran World Action and the National utheran Council.

When the General Convention gave attention to the port of the Board of Trustees it also confronted the oposal that the ELC carry its share of the Student rvice Capital Fund of the National Lutheran Coun-'s Division of Student Service by adding $90,874 to e budget total already presented. This recommenda-on was readily adopted, as was also a further proposal at a contingency item of $59,126 be included under dministration."

The result was that a total of $4,300,000 was estab-hed as the Budget for The Evangelical Lutheran hurch for the biennium, 1955-56. Not only had there en a "proposal to meet a trust"; there had been a ompt willingness to meet that trust. The adoption me quickly and dramatically, but there was plenty evidence that the members of the convention had udied the entire matter and had voted intelligently and liberately.

In 1953-54 the annual budget has been $3,000,000, us $678,476 for Lutheran Co-operation, including Lu-eran World Action. The newly adopted budget is .9 per cent above the present budget. In 1953 the nount of $3,794,066 was received for the Budget and utheran Co-operation. The new total is an increase of .3 percent above the amount received during that year. is fair to assume that the amounts received in 1953 ovide a sound base from which to measure our new als.

here were other decisions regarding the Budget of e Church which also were made by the delegates, hich will bring about some far-reaching changes. One these which will be effective immediately concerns e manner of crediting contributions from congrega-tions. A new contribution blank is being prepared for the use of those sending funds for congregations, and a new receipt form is also being made ready. The new arrangement is intended to equalize the share which the departments receive from the total funds provided by the congregations, unless they are specifically designated gifts for particular causes.

As already referred to above there was a decision to include Lutheran Co-operation as a part of the regular Budget, taking it out of the realm of an "emergency" item and recognizing it as having permanent status in the Church's planning.

The final decision concerning the Budget was the adoption of the section on the Budget in the Report of the Joint Union Committee to go into effect with the 1957-58 biennium. The chief and major change which this will bring will be the elimination of "apportionments" as we have known them. In other words, the last apportionment of a Budget will be the one which will be made this fall within the districts and circuits. After this the plan will be to have "a Budget approach to the congregations which asks them to determine prayerfully their own challenging objectives." In taking this momentous step we are not entering upon uncharted ground. The American Lutheran Church and synods of The United Lutheran Church in America have already been using this system, which is sometimes called the "grace" system. As a result of the change of emphasis which the next two years will bring, there is every reason to believe that the apportionment meetings to be held this fall will develop a spirit of freedom and adventure in giving which will move away from the old patterns.

As a result of these exciting decisions concerning the program of the Church and the Budget under which the program is to be managed, it is clear that a great adventure in stewardship is ahead. The past history among our congregations has prepared us for this day.

Prayerfully and earnestly we must confront the new situation and the new standards, that we may make the best possible use of it all. We have been able to do great things in Christ's name over these years. These years are the preparation for the new years which are now thrust into our hands. The measure of our maturity in Christian stewardship is to be taken more dramatically than ever before. We believe God has led us to this hour and has prepared us for it!

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Chords That Bind

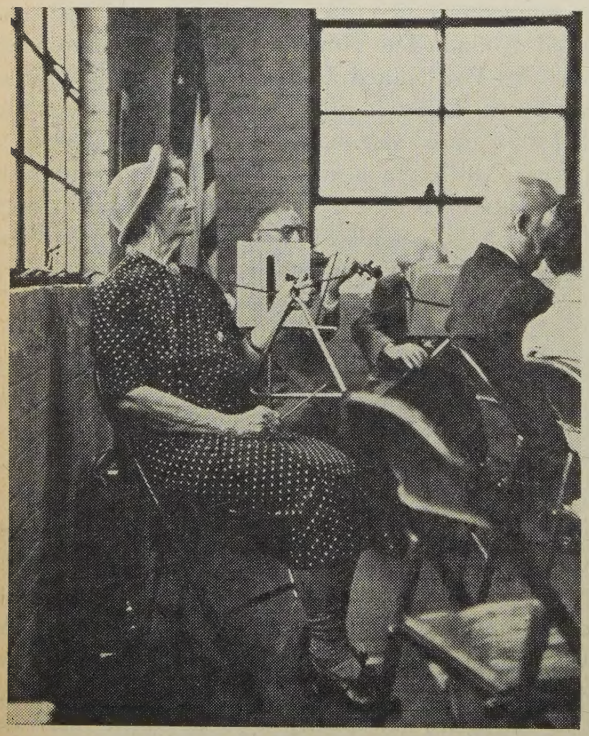
From the American Music Conference
Chicago, Ill.

The following article is a bit different from the usual run found in these pages, since it is not particularly a religious product. We use it chiefly because it gives a picture of a certain phase of community service being carried out by a college in which the ELC has increasing interest: Wartburg, Waverly, Iowa. This is one of the colleges of the American Lutheran Church, one of the Churches with which we are negotiating merger. —The Editor.

At last, Gussie is a celebrity! When she performs people listen—and applaud.

All her life Gussie had loved music. She loved to listen to recordings on the old wind-up phonograph, and when the radio became popular, she was in her glory bringing music into her own humble home while she ironed. But she never even dreamed of becoming a musician herself!

Then—her family grown and her duties at home cut in half—Gussie began spending her afternoons at the Sirovitch Day Center in New York City where elderly people gather from all over the city for companionship. Gussie's interest in the day center orchestra prompted the director's invitation for her to play. No as she plays the simple score for the triangle, she's proud as any skilled philharmonic violinist.



Skill is where the heart is . . . and Gussie loves taking part in the Over-60 Symphony of New York City as much as any of the trained musicians.

Henry Waltmann, guard on the Wartburg football team, trav from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Waverly to play the French horn in community orchestra.

And when the orchestra makes occasional radio television appearances, she becomes a celebrity in h own heart.

Music has found a special place for her in its v and varied family of melody

Gussie is typical of thousands of amateur instrument ists all over the country who are gathering in hundre of neighborhood groups to make music just for the f of it, in community bands, orchestras, and ensembl

The love of making music with others is stimulat in the hearts of hundreds of thousands of school ch dren every year, and as they graduate they take wi them into adulthood this means of making friends a finding pleasant self-expression.

Depression and war stifled the growth of communi music for two decades but couldn't kill the pleasur and power of music. Now the latent desires to ma music of their own, stimulated by expanded scho music programs and more opportunity for recreation music, are becoming reality in the lives of more a more people.

The 27,000,000 instrumentalists in this country a finding that the joys of making their own music a enhanced when they play together. These tootin strumming hobbyists are the backbone of more tha 1,200 community bands and 1,000 amateur civic orche tras, as well as thousands of small ensembles. Eve month more communities are tapping the music p tential of their citizens and developing civic mus programs.

Music leaders are discovering hundreds of peop

otball player Ev Blobaum, a student at Wartburg College, Waverlowa, is a clarinetist in the community symphony orchestra, where joins farmers, housewives, and others in making music just for fun.

ho've stored away their music waiting for an opportunity "some day." They're finding hundreds more who ıve wanted music all their lives but never had the ance. Establishing the opportunity for neighborhood usicians to make their own music opens doors to usic for the whole town or community.

's no great cultural awakening that is behind this ıenomenal growth of music in the American comunity. Americans are discovering that making music just plain fun. It's a kind of fun that is a challenge; s relaxing; it gives the individual his own kind of pression in a new kind of language.

The music of the American community is found in e cities, in the small towns, even on the farms. You n find hill billy music in the city, a concert ensemble ı the farm. The American Symphony Orchestra :ague reports that nearly half of the community or.estras on its register are thriving in cities under ,000.

Smaller communities look to their bands and orches-ıs to provide all kinds of music, and the social life the town often revolves around the musical group. hool affairs, parades, concerts draw on these groups. Mrs. Harold H. Bennett of Scarsdale, New York, chestra manager of the successful Westchester Comunity Symphony, explains: "A symphony orchestra ay be the pride of a community, but it should also an integral part of the life that goes on in the area it serves." The Westchester Symphony, in its 28th consecutive season and one of the oldest non-professional orchestral groups in the country, credits much of its success to its constant efforts to be a part of the community. The 80 members of the group come from 18 different communities in Westchester County.

Mrs. Bennett cites the many ways the orchestra reaches out to serve the community—in addition to providing pleasure for its members:

(1) As a basic training orchestra for students to study and play symphonic works.

(2) Providing an opportunity for experienced musicians who wish to play amateur orchestra music.

(3) Offering concerts of serious music for young people.

(4) Giving pleasurable evenings of music for listeners.

(5) Promoting understanding of musical expression.

Very often in small cities, the schools and the community co-operate closely in the civic music program. School music directors are the community conductors and music students fill out the ranks of the local musicians to balance the bands and orchestras.

Ernest Hagen, music director at Wartburg College, Waverly, Ia., leads Iowans from 14 communities in the Wartburg Community Symphony Orchestra. He feels: "Much of the vigor of our group comes from the divergence of occupations of our members." The concert mistress is a Waverly housewife; a Wartburg football player holds first chair in the clarinet section; a primary school teacher and a farmer share a music stand

A farmer and a housewife, side by side in the string section, lend their skills to the community music. Violinist J. R. Crompton is vice-president of the Wartburg Community Symphony.

in the violin section. Other violinists include the Alpha, Ia., school superintendent, a music store manager, and a doctor. An insurance man and a farm housewife are cellists.

All the players in the Waverly Orchestra are amateurs and admission to their concerts is free. Each concert attracts more than 1,000 listeners. Drawn solely by their love of music, the Iowans commute from as far as 50 miles away to rehearse and play with the orchestra, whose 60 members stage three concerts a year.

Most community bands must effect some compromi to the difference in musical tastes, as well as choo music not too difficult nor to easy for the majority the players. Charles Suhr, of Charles City, Ia., memb and vice-president of the Wartburg Community Sy phony, explains: "The orchestra members are not p fessionals, and we have to choose music that is with their technical grasp. After music is agreed upon, requires 16 to 20 hours of rehearsals to get ready for two-hour concert."

A Report From Decorah

Beginnings and Endings

Harland Nels

(The second of two articles)

Later that Saturday morning, over at Calmar, I met the board members—Pastor Ofstedal, Pastor Lunde, Pastor I. M. Gjellstad (Decorah Lutheran), Mr. Peter J. Ness, and Mr. W. B. Ingvoldstad, both of Decorah (Mr. Ingvoldstad, by the way, is retiring September 1 after 39 years on the board)—and Torger Thompson. Pastor Thompson, I should say; he has been a minister for forty years. Twelve years he spent serving parishes at Bagley, Saskatchewan, and Mt. Vernon and Fairview, S. Dak., before he became director of the Beloit Children's Home at Beloit, Iowa, in 1926.

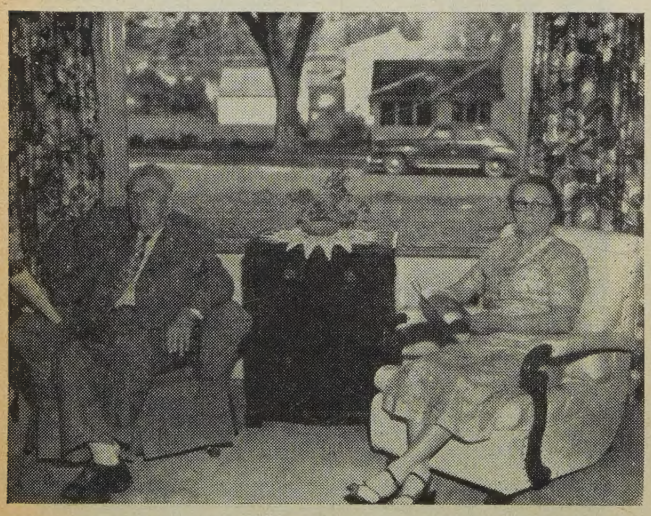
When that home was moved to Ames in 1944, he was going to retire. But he was persuaded to take over the direction of Aase Haugen on the retirement in 1944 of the Rev. Otto E. Schmidt, who guided the development of the Aase Haugen Home throughout the first 29 years of its existence.

Now, after ten years, Pastor Thompson feels he has earned retirement. "I'm going to hold them to their word," he will chuckle, in the English heavily flavored with the music of the language of his native Norway. "They said ten years, and now I'm done, and that's there is to it."

At 70, Thompson is vigorous and blocky, movi and speaking with the energy of a much younger ma His hair is thick, his skin the ruddy brown of a m who spends much time out of doors (as director of Aa Haugen and the Calmar annex, he is also responsib for overseeing the operation of the 630 acres of far land, the income of which goes to maintain the hom Pastor Thompson is keenly interested in this phase his work, and he is also very good at it).

We had coffee, the board, Pastor Thompson, and and I took some pictures before the board membe dispersed. Then Pastor Thompson took me around t new home.

It is a big, solid, brick house, of a kind that few cou afford to build these days. What were screened porch at the front and rear have been enclosed to make mo rooms. There is a new stoker-fed furnace, a deep-free food locker, a laundry room, drying room, a fruit a



Pastor and Mrs. Torger Thompson at the house in Decorah which the Aase Haugen Home provides as a residence for its director. The house was built in 1950.

Pastor and Mrs. William Trygstad conduct daily devotions at t Aase Haugen Home. Devotions and Sunday services are held in t chapel, redecorated and refurnished not long ago.

ss Tilda Halseth assists with the household duties at the Lutheran ıset Home in Calmar. She lived at Aase Haugen for a short time ile waiting for the Calmar home to open.

Pastor Virgil C. Hougen and Pastor Thompson in the office at the Aase Haugen Home. Pastor Hougen will become the Home's third director on September 1.

getable room, and in the kitchen a fine stainless el gas range and capacious cupboards, all of these cilities being new installations.

There has been good work done here in the exten- e interior renovations. The plaster walls, and the w woodwork carefully matched with the old, are idence of thorough craftsmanship.

It is a home, not an institution: this was what im- essed me as I was shown around. Much of the furni- re is new; all of it is of good quality. The rooms, ost of them single but some of them designed for two, e cheerful and airy, with pastel colors and matching apes. In the living room is a television set, the prop- y of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Overhaug, the resident cus- dians; the home's residents, though, are free to use as their own.

I took some more pictures, and then we ate dinner ere with the residents—a good meal, plain but well- lanced and tasty. Mrs. Overhaug apologized for it e every good housekeeper who is confronted with expected guests, and like most such apologies, hers s unnecessary.

fterwards Pastor Thompson invited me to drive back Decorah and see his home. It is a new house, built 1950—story and a half, seven rooms, two baths, full sement—and it is part of the Aase Haugen property. ıe new director—Pastor Virgil C. Hougen, will live ere when he takes over. He has been pastor of two ral congregations—Hauge and St. John's—near De- rah for the past two years.

"And it's only a couple blocks to the college"—Lu- er College—"up on the hill there," Thompson said, inting. "Hougen's kids will have it real handy."

I met Mrs. Thompson then. I had in mind a picture the two of them, but she protested, laughing.

"You don't want me in it," she said. She looked at her husband.

"Yes, he does," he said, and grinned at her.

She protested some more, but by being firm (and with Pastor Thompson's backing), I got her to agree.

After that I learned more about the Lutheran Sunset Home in Calmar. Pastor Thompson does not stay put long; he paced the room as he talked. Mrs. Thompson would add a comment from time to time, revealing a thorough knowledge of the development and operations of the new home. She was the one who had the exact details, filling in the general picture outlined by Pastor Thompson.

"That particular piece of equipment cost about . . . ," he would say, naming a figure, and then, turning to his wife, "Isn't that right?"

The new Lutheran Sunset Home at Calmar, an annex of the Aase Haugen Home for the Aged near Decorah. Purchased in 1953 and opened this spring, the substantial 25-year-old building stands on spacious grounds, will house 17 residents.

"That's about right. I'll check it," she would say. "Oh, that's close enough."

"It's right here. I'll check it," and she would disappear into the office for a moment. When she came back we would have the exact figure.

When you do a thing, you might as well take a little extra trouble and do it right.

Between the two of them, I got some further background information. The brick house which is now the Lutheran Sunset Home in Calmar, an annex of the Aase Haugen Home near Decorah, was built in 1929 for $30,000. It was purchased by the Aase Haugen Home in 1953 for $15,000 and renovated and furnished for $18,000. At present, it has a capacity of 17; the brick garage adjoining the house, Pastor Thompson thinks, could be fixed up to accommodate three or four more.

The home was opened this year and had 12 residents, both men and women, when I was there in May. A nurse and a doctor are on call at all times.

The cost to the individual resident at the Lutheran Sunset Home in Calmar is $75 a month. This is a little more than at Aase Haugen, where the rate since last year has been $60, Mrs. Thompson said. Those who were in residence at Aase Haugen before the rate was changed are still living there at the old rate of $50.

It is not to be assumed from the foregoing that the income from charges made to residents is sufficient to meet the cost of operating these homes. The fees paid by residents, while something more than mere token payments, are a supplement to the support provided by the Board of Charities of the ELC and the income from the Aase Haugen farm, as well as special gifts.

About half of the residents at both homes are drawing old age pensions, which is a fact worthy of some comment here. The number of pensioners has increased steadily during the past two decades, since state and federal legislation have put into effect the ever more widely accepted conviction that society, through its government, has a responsibility toward its aging members. As a result, more old people nowadays than ever before have the financial means to take advantage of facilities such as are provided at the Aase Haugen Home and the Lutheran Sunset Home at Calmar.

Hence it is that, as one church official put it to me not long ago, "We need never worry about vacancies in our homes for the aged. The homes we have are full, and new ones will be filled as fast as we care to build them." This characteristic of our society is therefore one which the ELC must take into consideration in its planning for the future.

There was still time that afternoon for Pastor Thompson and me to drive out to the Aase Haugen Home, where Pastor Hougen had arranged to meet us. He was not there yet, so I moved my equipment up to the cha to photograph the residents who were gathered th waiting for me.

Some of the residents at Aase Haugen in their chapel. Pas Thompson is second from the right. There are nearly fifty reside here, served by a staff of eight. The Calmar home has twe residents.

It took me some time to get set up, as I mention earlier. Pastor Thompson hovered nearby, talking to t old people. Finally I was ready, and he moved asi

"Reverend Thompson, you have to be in the pictur One person said it, and then another echoed it, a still others nodded vigorous agreement. It wasn't rig if he wasn't in it, too. They wanted him there. he joined them, and I took the picture.

Pastor Hougen was there by then, and Thomps took the occasion to brief his successor on some of t phases of the work at the home. Pastor Hougen listen intently, injecting a question now and then. Ordain in 1934, until now he has been a parish pastor, in Sou Dakota and Minnesota and now in Iowa. He w a member of the ELC's Rural Church Life Commissi from 1945 to 1951. I found him easy to talk to, ca and deliberate.

Pastor Hougen could not stay long. After he le we toured the farm, starting with the new farmste

"This was built completely new," Pastor Thomps said. "House, cow barn, pig barn. And on the old plac —a quarter of a mile away—"we added a machine sh a calf barn, a feed house, and loading pens."

There are 630 acres in all, counting crop land, h meadow, and pasture. There is a dairy herd of 24 H steins, and a beef herd which varies considerably size according to the season.

"I just sold 61 head of whitefaces that we rough through the winter," Thompson said. "We came out right on them, too."

He is an old hand in the cattle market, having rais cattle on the farm properties of the Beloit Childre Home when he headed that institution. "I have always made money on them, but I've never lost a thing. Like last spring I just had a feeling the mar

as going down, and I sold out. A lot of them around
ere didn't, and they got stung good."
As we left to go back to Decorah, he looked out
the rolling Iowa hills. "A man could make a real
rm out of this if he just had the time," he said.

t Sunday dinner at Aase Haugen I saw the Thomp-
ns again. There had been services in the chapel just
fore dinner, as there are every Sunday morning. There
e also daily devotions during the rest of the week.
At the Lutheran Sunset Home in Calmar, Pastor
nde conducts services every Wednesday and Sunday
enings.) I met some of the staff—the cook, Mrs.
yrtle Rasmusen, whose husband Emil is the care-
ker; the housekeepers, Mrs. Nellie Judvik, Alice
ey, and Emma Sorenson; Mrs. Amanda Saxvik, the
sistant cook; Florence Larson, the dining room attend-
t (her brother William works on the farm); and
ristine Qualley, the resident nurse. Pastor and Mrs.
ygstad I had met the day before.
After dinner (and the dishes) the Thompsons were
ing back to Decorah, and I was due to head for Min-
apolis. Visitors were starting to arrive; Sunday is
turally a busier day for visitors than weekdays, but
ey come during the week, too. There are no special
urs.
Pastor Thompson and I took a last look around.
"I was going to enlarge the men's dining room to
ake it big enough for all of them," he said. "Bring
out to the sidewalk here, see. Then the kitchen could
bigger, too." He stood there, looking at the area
hich would have been taken in.
"But I didn't make it," he said. He was silent for a
oment. Then he turned toward the car. "I guess it will
up to Hougen now."

he Lutheran Sunset Home at Calmar will be dedi-
ted Sunday afternoon, August 29, at a program be-
nning at 2:30. Open house will be held before and
er the program.
Dr. Aasgaard will give the address and perform
e rite of dedication. Dr. Dahlen will bring the greet-
gs of the ELC Board of Charities; Mr. C. L. Nasby,
ditor for the ELC and consultant to the Board of
harities, will also bring greetings. Special music will
furnished by the Luren Male Chorus of Decorah.
he Scripture reading will be by Pastor S. J. Strandjord
St. Olaf, Iowa, and Pastor Torger Thompson will
ve the invocation and the benediction.
On Saturday evening, August 28, Pastor and Mrs.
hompson will be guests at a testimonial dinner given
the occasion of their retirement from active service
the Church.

An Open Letter to the Church

Harold B. Kildahl

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
August 8, 1954
Text: Matthew 7:12-14

Dear Friend in Christ:

Look at the words of the text. Look carefully. Let the words settle down in your consciousness and speak directly to you for a moment. No doubt you will quickly observe how the message of the Lord this day divides itself into three parts: direction for Christian living; stern warning; spiritual encouragement.

There is no need to sidestep the issues involved. Above all you should be honest in your approach to the matter. Christians should certainly be concerned with life as it is lived. Of course, it is impossible to arrive at the state of perfectness of life and relationships, but the hills of hope lie steadily before, and the strength for climbing God freely gives those who seek Him. Therefore, friends, today, tomorrow, every day, by the grace of God let your attitudes and conduct, your interaction and relationships be governed by the directive of Christ.

You will never accomplish such direction if you accept the opinions of the crowd or follow the guidance of the group. The world around you is seemingly bent on taking the low road, the broad way, the destructive way of life, the way of life that enthrones self, that seeks to satisfy self, that worships the ease and comforts and wealth of the world, and with Israel of long ago dances at the shrine of a golden calf.

Direction for Christian living can be accomplished only if you hear, heed, and hold to the spiritual encouragement that Christ offers you now. He says, in effect: "It is possible for you to live in harmony with the will of God, to live as a child of God, to live as a disciple of the Lord." This you can do, but only in the grace, and only in the strength, of God. It means that you will acknowledge the authority of God in life, that you will dedicate your life to His glory, that you will lay up His Word in your heart that you may not sin against Him. It means that you will live close to the Word, close to the Church, close to the friends of the Lord, close to the Spirit of God from day to day as you climb the hills of hope and grasp the spiritual strength God provides for those who truly love Him. It will be a narrow way that you will find by God's grace. It will be a way that leads to life—a good life now, and life eternal in endless day.

All of this can be done, for Christ has gone that way before, and, friend, dear friend in Christ, He is your Savior

Your Friend in Christ

It Is Not a "One-Way" Street

AN EDITORIAL

The popular *Christian Herald* magazine caused a furore of sorts last April by an article entitled, "Who Said Conversion Is a One-Way Street!" Its purpose was to demonstrate that the popular conception, that, while numerous Protestants embrace Roman Catholicism, very few Roman Catholics become Protestants. A poll was conducted which revealed that during the past ten years, approximately 4,000,000 Roman Catholics became Protestants; that, with few exceptions, high standards of training for such membership are being maintained; and that Protestant Churches do not attempt to proselytize Roman Catholics. It developed that "nationally, Protestants are holding a three- or four-to-one advantage in this shifting picture." That is to say, for one Protestant who becomes a Roman Catholic, between three and four Roman Catholics turn Protestant.

The reaction by the Roman Catholic Church was, of course, instantaneous and violent. The Roman periodicals we receive and other news items we read seemed to be agreed on three points: (1) the so-called "poll" conducted by the *Christian Herald* was utterly unscientific, incomplete, and undependable; (2) only those who do not take their religion seriously, or who are guilty of sins which make it impossible for them to continue in the Roman fold, are joining Protestant Churches; and (3) membership standards in the Protestant Churches are pitiably low.

It is not easy to give a scientific answer to the second and third of those points. There is, of course, all sorts of evidence that neither point is well taken. As far as the Lutheran Church is concerned, standards for church membership are so high that it would be difficult indeed for a person whose life is such that he had to leave some other Church to qualify for membership in a Lutheran congregation. There is also the testimony of thousands of Lutheran pastors to the effect that a large number of those who leave the Roman fold and become members of the Lutheran Church do so because the Gospel has reached their hearts and they have found a peace which they could not find in the Church of their birth. It is true that many join because they marry Lutherans, but no conscientious Lutheran pastor will accept a member who joins "for convenience' sake." Every effort is made to keep the standards high. However, as we remarked earlier, the last two points the Roman Catholic Church makes against the poll are not amenable to statistical answer.

The first one is. No sooner was the *Christian Herald* article out than The United Lutheran Church in America was able to offer substantiating evidence of a kind which could not be questioned. One of the rubrics of the parochial (parish) report every pastor is required to file with the general secretary annually asks about accessions from and defections to the Roman Catholic Church. The result for 1953 revealed that for every member of the ULCA who was lost to the Roman Catholic Church, four Roman Catholics joined some ULCA congregation. When it is kept in mind that the ULCA is the largest Lutheran body in America, these figures cannot be dismissed as "too fragmentary to be reliable."

Recently our own general secretary has released the figures for The Evangelical Lutheran Church on the same point. This is the first year the parochial report blanks have included this rubric. The results, Secretary Hove reports, are these: In 1953, the 1,349 parish pastors of our Church listed 477 of their members who became Roman Catholics. At the same time, 1,012 Roman Catholics took instruction and were received into membership in the congregations of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

For us, then, on the basis of the 1953 parochial reports the ratio is 2½ to 1. This is not nearly as imposing a ratio as that reported by The United Lutheran Church in America; nor as large as the national average seems to be. It will be interesting to discover whether the ratio does not become more favorable as pastors of our Church become accustomed to this rubric in their parochial reports and keep a more accurate record.

In the current (July) issue of the *Christian Herald,* the editor draws the discussion to a close by answering the question, "What have we proved?" The answer is that the magazine has proved exactly what it set out to prove—that this matter of conversions is not a "one-way street." We may add that it is further proved that, on this two-way street, the traffic is considerably heavier from Rome to Protestantism than it is from Protestantism to Rome.

It has been the carefully guarded tradition of the Lutheran Church not to proselytize the members of any other Church. So long as a Church is Christian, we do not make an effort to entice its members away from it. The Roman Catholics who become Lutheran take the initiative. No conscientious pastor will, of course, turn away from his door one who seeks admission, no matter what his background. But every conscientious Lutheran pastor will demand the most careful preparation before such a person is admitted to the Lutheran Church.

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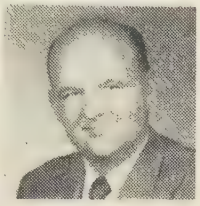
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Ex officio members are Dr. J. C. K. Preus, executive director of the Department of Christian Education; and Dr. Orville Dahl, executive secretary, Division of Higher Education. The

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Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Heste

TOWARD THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

The Gospel: Luke 12:42

Monday, August 9
WHAT'S YOUR MESSAGE?
Read Acts 17:14-34

And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is which you present?"

Paul found himself among ready listeners when he visited Athens, for this was the home of men who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new." The message Paul was bringing caught their ears, and they invited him to explain his faith. Bible students question whether Paul on this occasion was as clear and straightforward as he might have been. Nevertheless, though some laughed at him, others "joined him and believed."

Our world today is not so much interested in telling or hearing something new or strange, as it is in something worth hearing and hanging onto. It is ready to hear the Christian message. Every day we have people around us who are listening for that message. When you and I go about our work, what are we saying? What is the message we declare?

Guide our lives and wing our words, O God, so that we may speak for Thee. Consecrate the language of our lives. Amen.

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Tuesday, August 10
GIVING
Read Mark 12:38-44

And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury.

It is true that much may be learned about a person simply by looking at his face or studying his hands. It is also true that much may be learned about a person's Christian faith by watching what, or how much, he gives. That may be one reason why Jesus sat down opposite the treasury. What he saw was revealing. There were "big" donations and a "little" donation. He knew however, that the little gift of the widow was greater than the so-called big contributions on the part of those who "contributed out of their abundance."

The Lord knows how good our giving is in proportion to the blessings He pours out upon us. He is anxious that our heart-strings be loosed by His love so that our purse-strings will be loosed. Giving is a real index to our faith. By it we may express our love to God. Through it we may work for God. With what we give to the Lord's work, lasting, eternal good is done.

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Wednesday, August 11
BE HUMBLE
Read Proverbs 16:1-9

Every one who is arrogant is an ab[omination] to the Lord; be assured, he [will] not go unpunished.

Why should any of us want to be a[rro]gant? Why should we go about fee[ling] that we are so much better than oth[ers] that we are superior? Not only is th[at] foolish attitude to take, it is a sin. [We] are warned not to think too much [of] ourselves. Neither God nor man can to[ler]ate a person who "struts" himself, [or] parades his good points.

True greatness is always accompan[ied] by a spirit of humility. This is a mar[k] feature of the greatest people who h[ave] lived. Sometimes guests to a great ma[n's] house have entered with fear, only to f[ind] that the man they were afraid of [was] very humble. Jesus, the Son of God, [is] of all people the greatest, yet of all [is] humblest. His whole life was a humi[lia]tion. Therefore God has exalted Him, [and] we worship Him.

I need not say, "Excuse me for be[ing] here," as though I am thoroughly [un]important. But I will remember that w[hat] I am and have has been given to me [by] God, the loving Father.

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Thursday, August 12
NOW
Read Acts 24:22-26

And as he argued about justice and self-control and future judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present; when I have an opportunity I will summon you."

But what if the opportunity never came? The time when Felix should have heard was the present, when Paul was there, when the Word was making its way toward him, when he was in the process of being alarmed. But no. He let Satan use his old scheme on him. Not now, tomorrow. Sure, you are in a bad way; you need help; you are lost. Of course, you know God can straighten you out; God can save you. But let Him do it tomorrow.

The tragedy of Felix is repeated in the lives of many people. When God knocks on the door, He is disdained. The action, or lack of it, is justified by the thought, God will knock again. This is Satan's trick. And it can be fatal.

In a real sense the word *Now* is written large over the whole New Testament. For the time we have now is the time in which God must do His saving work.

Friday, August 13
WALKING ON THE SEA
Read Matthew 14:22-34

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come."

And Peter did. He stepped out of the boat and onto the water, and kept right on going. Everything went fine until he "saw the wind," and became afraid. The mistake was that he took his eyes off Jesus.

This is always a mistake. The moment you drop Christ out of the picture you begin to sink. The plain truth is this: there can be no life without Christ. It follows then that we cannot meet the trials of life without Christ With Christ we are strong, victorious; we can do the impossible, we can "walk on the sea."

Many of us have acquaintances who have been visited by hardship, yet have been given the grace to be cheerfully Christian. A man who has lived in a wheel chair the past twenty-three years is such a happy Christian that his smile hides the chair that holds him prisoner. He knows what it means to walk on the sea. The secret is this: Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Saturday, August 14
WATER OF LIFE
Read Exodus 17:1-7

"Behold, I will stand before you th[ere] on the rock at Horeb; and you sh[all] strike the rock, and water shall come [out] of it, that the people may drink."

This verse, which tells part of [the] story of the Israelites in the wilderness, [is] a beautiful outline of God's plan of s[al]vation. First, it presents God, who [is] over all things and who designed sal[va]tion. The rock may represent Christ w[ho] is the "Rock of our salvation." The ro[ck] was struck. Christ was struck; He s[uf]fered and died. When Moses struck [the] rock, life-giving, thirst-quenching wa[ter] came out of it. When Christ was "sm[it]ten, stricken, and afflicted," there flow[ed] from Him the precious, saving blood [of] the Lamb of God. Gladly, in Moses' d[ay] the people drank the miraculous wat[er]. Had they not lifted it to their lips, th[ey] would have perished. All of God's lovi[ng] plan of salvation comes to nought unl[ess] men accept it; seize upon it with joy a[nd] thanksgiving.

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, f[or] the salvation Thou hast prepared [in] Christ. Amen.

lere and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

ERAL' ECLIPSE EVANSTON?

st religious periodicals these days taking long looks at the forthcom- Assembly of the World Council at nston. Among them is *United ngelical Action,* official organ of National Association of Evangel-s. Commenting on the fear of some the Assembly will see "the eclipse he ecumenical goal," an editorial in May 1 issue says: "To our way of king there are three reasons why rals are really worried about Evans- The current renaissance (1) of Bible as an infallible authority; of Christian doctrine as basic to istian fellowship, and (3) of the istian hope in terms of eschatology ssential to the New Age."

he editorial makes the point that ral viewpoints may be heading for e than eclipse at Evanston. "We e lived long enough," it says, "to many liberals (1) begin to have bts about the so-called Christian c and shift perceptibly in the di- ion of the cosmology of the Bible, realize that the Bible is a revela- of sorts and not just a humanized k, (3) admit Christianity may be e than Judaism carried to its high- ethical and universal expression, (4) realize that a man can be llectually competent and believe in inal sin, the vicarious atonement, the eschatology of the New Testa- it."

We believe that Evanston may be e than a temporary eclipse for lib- ecumenicity," the writer concludes. may well be an important mile- e on the road toward a more bib- Christianity, and the kind of menicity God wants for His peo- Let all Christians of goodwill pray God may rule and over-rule to end."

'ANSTON MUST CHOOSE" 'S POLING

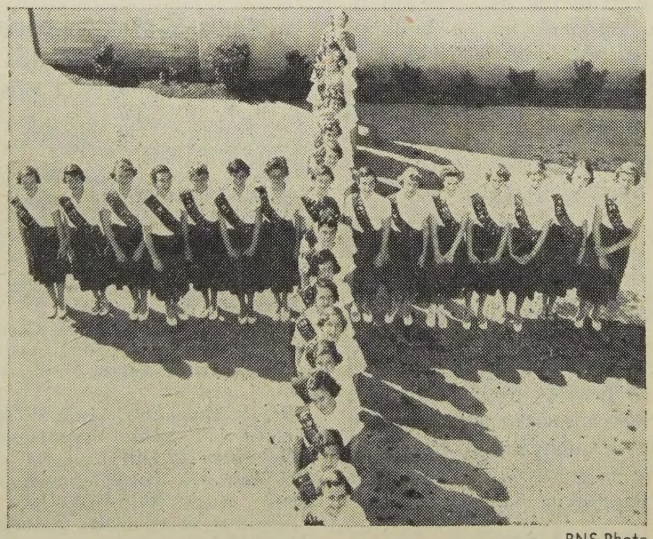
e main problem of the World ncil Assembly scheduled for Evans- in August, according to Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald,* is in the differing views of the delegates on "social, economic, and political questions." Dr. Poling doubts that the differences are as simple as some assume, and asks: "Is Communism just and only a 'social, economic, and political' question? If it is, we have no justified fears for Evanston. But we are committed to the proposition that Communism is atheism, and that it is so fundamentally evil that it is impossible for Christians to deliberately accept it and still claim a common basic loyalty to one Lord."

"It is right here that Evanston must choose," continues Poling's editorial. "At whatever cost to any temporary appearance of world Protestant solidarity, the Second Assembly of the World Council should declare Communism anti-religious, anti-God, anti-Christ, and utterly antipathetic to everything to which Christianity is irrevocably committed. At least for this, and for not less than this, American Protestantism must declare itself at Evanston or the Protestant Churches of America will be challenged by the overwhelming majority of American Protestant Christians to withdraw from the World Council."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Members of the Senate Finance Committee are receiving requests from Christian Science practitioners throughout the country that they be classified as physicians under pending legislation to extend Social Security coverage to professional groups. Such a classification would exempt them from coverage. Under the House bill, Christian Science practitioners are classified as self-employed professional workers and, as such, Social Security becomes mandatory for them. . . . Bingo is causing financial losses to churches and veterans' organizations in northern New Jersey, according to a survey. Bingo organizers agree that the state's $1,000 maximum on prizes for a night is the chief cause of poor attendance at the games.

GIRL SCOUTS GET CHURCH AWARDS



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A living cross is formed by 34 Girl Scouts who received God and Community awards in a ceremony at San Marino Community Church (California). This marked the first time that the awards were given to Girl Scouts by the church, which has been presenting similar awards to Boy Scouts for several years. The awards are presented by Protestant churches in co-operation with the National Council of the Girl Scouts of America. They are given to girls who fulfill specific religious standards involving participation in the programs of their respective churches.

Within the ELC

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undsen, Henry Nielsen, C. Richard Evenson, and Edward A. Hansen.

Southern Minnesota

Zumbrota, Minn. The Land-Minneola parish, served by the Rev. H. E. Everson, conducts an annual wedding anniversary Sunday at which couples having been married for five years or multiples thereof are special guests. This year's wedding anniversary day was observed June 27. Guests of honor this year were the Rev. Otto Mostrom, pastor of the parish 1925-49, and wife, as they were married fifty years ago this year, and Pastor Mostrom was also ordained fifty years ago.

Canada

Weldon, Sask. Weldon Church, parish of the Rev. J. G. Lokken, celebrated its 50th anniversary June 20. Speakers were District President Dale and Prof. T. P. Solem.

Hagen, Sask. Saron Church, parish of the Rev. A. J. Severson, observed on May 16 the 50th anniversary of its founding. Guest speaker was the Rev. J. B. Stolee, pastor of the parish 1945-52.

Camrose, Alta. The 37th annual "Camrose Week" took place here June 27-July 4. Guest speakers were Pastors Harold T. Masted and Benjamin Ostrem.

Vancouver, B. C. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Arnold B. H. Hagen, is conducting a building fund canvas, the goal of which is $100,000. By the end of June $52,000 had been raised.

OBITUARIES

Peter J. Okland

Peter J. Okland, Randall, Iowa, (father of the Rev. Ralph L. Okland, Wolf Point, Mont.), died June 21, in his 76th year. Funeral took place June 24 at Elim Church, Randall, the Rev. A. J. Bringle officiating. Mr. Okland was born at Jewell, Iowa, March 21, 1879. He was a merchant at Randall and an active member of the Elim Church. He is survived by two sons and three daughters.

Oliver I. Stime

Oliver I. Stime (father of the Rev. E. V. Stime, dean of the Seattle Lutheran Bible Institute), passed away in Minneapolis May 16, 75 years of age. Burial took place at Sinai, S. Dak., where the deceased had earlier lived. He was born at Lake Mills, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, nee Emma Benson, three sons and six daughters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Pastors and Parish Secretaries! When anniversary booklets containing historical information are published by congregations a copy should be sent to Prof. J. Jorgen Thompson, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., for the archives of the Norwegian American Historical Association.

For Sale: Ten black choir robes, by Borea Lutheran Church. Write Mrs. Emilie Pederson, Station B, R. 2, Superior, Wis.

In Re Attendance at World Council Assembly and at Chicago Ecumenical Institute: Of 25 plenary sessions at World Council of Churches Assembly 11 will be open to general visitors who purchase tickets for these at $1.00 for each session. Of special interest will be sessions Aug. 18, 8:00 p.m. and Aug. 29, 4:30 p.m. Dr. Martin Anderson, 1138 N. Leavitt St., Chicago 22, Ill., will try to secure tickets. Application must be accompanied by $1.00 for each session at which attendance is desired. Chicago Ecumenical Institute will meet Aug. 2-7 and Aug. 9-14 simultaneously at six centers, one of these being Chicago Lutheran Seminary, Maywood. Registration fee $7.50 for each of the two weeks. Dr. Anderson may be written about attendance at this Institute, too. Applications should be sent as early as possible.

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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president of the Church is also ... ex officio member.

At its next meeting in October, ... board will divide itself into committ... on parish education, higher educati... and post-graduate work and schol... ships. The fifteen-member board g... erns the activities and determines ... policies of the Church in the areas ... parish and higher education.

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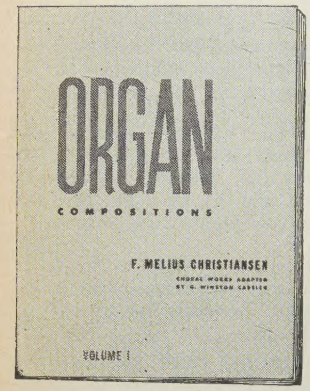

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